(b) whether Government have been apprised of the demands of this agitation;

(c) if so, what are those demands; and

(d) what action Government are contemplating to meet the demands of the said employees and save this premier Institution from the present stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No Sir. However, some of the members of the ISI Workers' Organisation had gone on a token hunger-strike for 24 hours on 20-6-89.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The main demands are immediate implementation of the decisions of the Indian Statistical Institute Council in regard to pay-scales for the non-faculty staff and payment of HRA, at old rates, to the employees occupying jhupris in the ISI campus.

(d) The Government has already agreed to the proposal of the ISI for payment of compensation to the employees occuping jhupris in the ISI campus. The existing non-faculty staff has been given the corresponding Fourth Pay Commission replacement scales, with effect from 1-1-1986. A final decision regarding the pay-scales for new entrants, and for the existing employees on their promotion has not yet been taken.

Low-Production of Telephone equipments

1540. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of telecommunications equipment is not keeping pace with the rising demand therefor;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of telecommunications equipment and thereby reducing the import thereof; and

(c) what is the projection made regarding the production and import of equipment during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The capacities of the existing factories in the Central Government/State Sector are being expanded and new factories are being set up in Private and Joint Sectors.

(c) The projections are being worked out and are yet to be finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission. The current estimates are that the total requirement of the telecom equipment would be of the order of Rs. 19,000 crores in the Eighth Plan. The import content will be identified during the course of finalisation of the Plan.

Production of electronics goods

1541. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase the production of electronic goods in the country; and

(b) the details of specific plans drawn up to increase the production of electronic goods in Orissa during the Seventh and the Eighth Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Steps taken by Government to promote the Electronics Industry are given the enclosed Satement. (*See* below).

(b) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar. With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipments, a LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneshwar. Department of Electronics under its Standardisation Testing and Quality Control Programme provides quality promotional services to electronics industry through nation-wide network of laboratories/centres. Location of one such Electro-

nics Test and Development Centre is at Bhubaneshwar Government is providing assistance to various institutions to enlarge the manpower base especially in the area of information technology in Orissa.

Statement

The following specific policy measures were taken in recent past to strengthen the electronic industry in the country:—

(a) For a number of categories, "broad-based" licences are issued.

(b) The Electronic components industry has been delicensed.

(c) The import of technology and foreign collaboration are permitted in all areas of electronics. Units having foreign equity less than 40 per cent allowed in all areas.

(d) Development of small scale industry is being particularly encouraged. Approvals for a number of items have been decentralised to the level of State Directorate Industries. Investment limit for this sector has been revised to Rs. 35 lakhs and that for ancillary units to Rs. 45 lakhs.

(e) In order to achieve economies of scale in certain key areas certain components which were reserved for small scale sector have been dereserved.

(f) In almost all areas of electronic, excluding consumer electronics, MRTP companies have been exempt from clearance under Sections 21 and 22 of MRTP Act.

(g) The private sector units are permitted to manufacture telephones, EPABX teleprinters, facsimile equipment, data communication terminals, etc. Other telecommunication items can also be taken up by the private sector with Central/State Government participation of at least 51 per cent equity shares.

(h) For computer industry the emphasis is on the manufacture of computers based on latest technology at prices comparable with international level and progressively increasing indigenisation consistent with economic viability.

(i) A new software policy has been announced to encourage production and export of software.

(j) Import duty on raw materials, components and capital equipment has been reduced. For component industry, the duty on raw materials, parts & semi-finished goods have been rationalised.

(k) The import policy has been rationalised with a view to increase production.

(l) Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronics to improve productivity, quality, safety and quality of services.

Setting up of electronic industry in Orissa

1542. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up some electronic industry in Orissa during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the names of the places identified for the location of electronic units;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up any such electronic unit in Phulbani district in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar. A LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneswar.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Per capita income of States

1543. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income of all the States and Union Territories in 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1988 at 1970-71 price;